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SENATOR STUTHMAN: Okay. Thank you very much. That's what I was hoping to hear.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Further discussion of the bill? Seeing none, Senator Janssen, you're recognized to close. Senator Janssen waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 243 to E & R Initial. All in favor indicate by voting yea, all those opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of LB 243.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The bill advances. Mr. Clerk, the next item.

CLERK: Madam President, the next bill is LB 429. It's a bill by Senator Hartnett. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 15, referred to General Affairs, advanced to General File.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: The Chair recognizes...I believe, Senator Janssen, you've been authorized to carry this bill? Thank you.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Madam Chairman, members of the committee. Senator Hartnett asked me if I would introduce this bill for him today. He is on a trading mission (laugh), trying to get...in Washington, trying to get the money for a new bridge that's going across the river in his district. So I thought...I told Senator Hartnett, yes, I'd be glad to do this for him. LB 429 would allow for the use of bingo card monitoring devices without an accompanying traditional bingo card. I'll explain these to you a little bit, and hope that you can understand it. These devices are currently used at bingo occasions and are authorized by Charitable Gaming Division of the Department of Revenue. Currently, the department requires that there be a paper bingo card printed and marked, as well as marking the numbers on the device. It's a kind of a duplication there. The printed...the printing takes up a lot of time in checking people into the game, and verifying the winners takes longer when a card must be marked in addition to that device. The bill would simply remove the requirement that there be a paper bingo card printed and marked in conjunction with using this device. The